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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 50, relative to commercial driver licenses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-404, is amended by adding a new subsection thereto, as follows:

(e) The department shall initiate a criminal background check on any person who applies for a commercial driver license.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-406(a), is amended by inserting the following new subdivisions and by renumbering the existing subdivisions (8) and (9) appropriately:

(8) An agreement to release any and all information to the department necessary for the purpose of verifying whether the individual has been convicted of a felony in the state of Tennessee;

(9) Supply a fingerprint sample and submit to a criminal history records check to be conducted by the Tennessee bureau of investigation, other law enforcement agency, or any legally authorized entity;

(10) Release any information required for a criminal background investigation by a professional background screening organization or criminal background check service or registry;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-406, is amended by adding the following language to the end of subsection (b):

In addition to such nonrefundable application fee, any costs incurred by the Tennessee bureau of investigation, professional background screening organization, law enforcement agency or other legally authorized entity, in conducting investigations of applicants for a commercial driver license shall be paid by the individual applying for such commercial driver license.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-407, is amended by adding a new subsection thereto, as follows:

() Any person convicted of a felony offense against a person as provided in Title 39, Chapter 13, or of a felony offense involving controlled substances, shall not be issued a commercial driver license.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002, the public welfare requiring it.